

John Schonhardt
Westmont Neighborhood
600 Luzerne Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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JOHN SCHONHARDT HOUSE

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Location: 600 Luzerne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and spacious single-family home situated on corner lot. Two-and-a-half stories, hip roof with large front gable, wood frame, horizontal wood siding. Curved wrap-around porch. Wooden shingles cover second floor and gables. Venetian (Serliana) window in front gable. Art Nouveau bevelled and leaded glass in entry, and in transom above side bay window. Art Nouveau stained glass windows, oval in facade, and rectangular window at stair landing. Front and sides of house have not been altered, rear porch is enclosed. A wood-frame garage is built on the alley.

History: The lot was purchased from Cambria Iron Co. by John Schonhardt on August 28, 1908, for \$1,625. By 1911, the house was built, as John and Mary A. Schonhardt were listed at this address. John Schonhardt retained ownership until June 3, 1938, when he lost the house at a sheriff's sale.

Sources:

Deed Records (211:667, Cambria Iron to John Schonhardt; 486:89, 519:223, 641:221), Cambria County, Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory, 1911-12.

Sanborn Map Co., Westmont, Pennsylvania, (New York: The Sanborn Map Co., 1913).

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhood of Westmont (HABS No. PA-5671) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

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